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## **Greenpeace fined for damaging coral reef**

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Environmental group Greenpeace was fined for damaging the Tubbataha Reef Marine Park near Palawan Island in the Philippines when its ship hit the coral reef.

Greenpeace, in a release on its Web site, blamed outdated maps from the Philippine government that indicated the 400-mile World Heritage coral reef site was more than a mile away when its flagship Rainbow Warrior II hit it.

"This accident could have been avoided if the chart was accurate. We feel responsible, however, and this amount will be transferred on Wednesday 2 November," said Red Constantino of Greenpeace Southeast Asia.

The environmental group, which was fined \$6,857 for damaging about 1,000 square feet of reef, said. The ship apparently escaped major damage.

Greenpeace also said its inspection of the nearly 400-mile reef found no evidence of so-called bleaching that is believed to be caused warmer sea temperatures.